

REMARKS

Applicants submit Substitute Sheets for Figures 1-22C to provide replacement drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.84 and 1.121, as requested in the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed March 22, 2004 in the instant application. No new matter has been added by the replacement drawings presented herein. Applicants further note that a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts is being filed concurrently with this amendment.

Applicants have not provided annotated sheets, as the replacement drawings have been presented herein solely for the purpose of providing figures that are reasonably free from erasures, alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds and copy marks. In addition, the replacement drawings ensure that each figure is present and labeled "Fig." followed by a consecutive Arabic numeral or an Arabic number with a capital letter. If the Examiner would like annotated copies of the amended drawing sheets presented herein, he is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

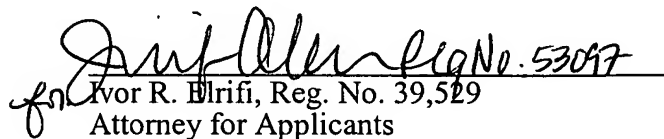
Applicants believe no fees due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-547.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit, that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this amendment and remark, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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